

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

The interlocking part of the proximal retaining element 20P is extended by a shell 24 provided with conventional means for securing it to a fixed support (not shown ~~[[fs]]~~) attached to the opening leaf. These securing means comprise two snap-locking tabs 26, for example.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Next, the connecting element 22 and the proximal retaining element 20P are subjected in a manner known per se to ultrasonic welding waves which, on the one hand, lead to ~~[[the]]~~ a weld fusion of the fusible complementary ribs 32, 34 and, on the other hand, to ~~[[the]]~~ a weld fusion of the fusible complementary shoulders 36, 38, this taking place in the regions of contact between these complementary ribs 32, 34 and between these complementary shoulders 36, 38 (see figure 6).